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MC4 Passes Formal Operational Test and Evaluation

FORT DETRICK, Maryland, May 10, 2005 – Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care (MC4) successfully passed a formal Operational Test and Evaluation (OT&E) conducted by the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC) and the U.S. Army Medical Department Board on Tuesday. By passing the formal OT&E, MC4 verifies its operational effectiveness, suitability and survivability, paving the way toward the program's Full Rate Production Decision Review (FRPDR).

“Passing the OT&E is a critical accomplishment for this program, said MC4 Product Manager Lieutenant Colonel Claude Hines, Jr. “It brings is one step closer to an FRPDR and further reinforces MC4's importance in the battlefield.”

A formal OT&E is designed to test a system under realistic operational conditions, with users representing those expected to operate and maintain the system in theater. The test determines whether a system can survive and remain effective when operated by a typical user under realistic conditions, including combat and representative threat.

Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care (MC4) develops, fields and supports a medical information management system for Army tactical medical forces, enabling a comprehensive, life-long electronic medical record for all service members, and enhancing medical situational awareness for operational commanders.

Since its inception in 1999, MC4 has deployed 5,000+ systems to more than 200 units for contingency operations supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. MC4 has also trained more than 10,000 deployable medical and ancillary professionals, and maintains a 24-7 customer support structure throughout the world. Headquartered at Fort Detrick, Md., MC4 is under the oversight of the Army Program Executive Office Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS) at Fort Belvoir, Va. For more information on MC4, visit www.mc4.army.mil.

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